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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )

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Application No. 10/622,318 )

Filing Date: July 18, 2003 )

For: "CARBON BLACK SAMPLING FOR )  
PARTICLE SURFACE AREA )  
MEASUREMENT USING LASER- )  
INDUCED INCANDESCENCE AND )  
REACTOR PROCESS CONTROL )  
BASED THEREON" )

Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: Nguyen, Tu T.

Confirmation No. 4336

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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June 23, 2006

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action of March 23, 2006, please consider the Amendments and Remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the specification** can be found beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** can be found in the Current Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** can be found beginning on page 8 of this paper.